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## DOG REASONS

Our friend Harvey Cromer, of Cheat Bridge, tells us the following interesting story of a remarkable case of a dog's power of reasoning:

Mr. Cromer has two dogs. Jack is a grade shepherd and Nig a thorough bred Scotch Collie. As is characteristic of the Collie, Nig is a one man dog, and Mr. Cromer is the man. Whenever he comes home, the dogs appear to be able to anticipate his coming and always meet him some distance from the house. Nig does not allow Jack or any one to come close to his master. He goes wild with delight whenever his master appears.

On Friday night two weeks ago Mr. Cromer came home about 11 o'clock. The dogs did not meet him, nor had the family seen them since the evening of the 1st of the afternoon.

The next morning a systematic hunt was made for the dogs. The boy of the family looked up his traps for fear they had been caught. The bear pen was also visited. They went to the Clubhouse, and the neighbors looked their traps and bear pens. They even went to Durbin to see if they had followed some traveler there.

In the family council it was decided, when all searching had failed, that the dogs had gone deer hunting, and were chasing an old doe that lived in the woods nearby.

But at supper Saturday night Nig put in his appearance; he was glad to see the folk, gulped down his food, but disappeared in a few minutes. Calling did not bring him back.

On Sunday morning Nig was seen coming up Cheat River. The dog greeted his master with joy, but it was noted that he appeared worried. He was fed and pretty soon he started away again. Mr. Cromer called him back and found he was carrying a biscuit in his mouth. It was naturally supposed that he had been given more food than he wanted, and he was carrying the bread away to bury it.

A few minutes later Nig had business down the river again, and the Cromers attempted to see where he was going by following down the railroad, on the opposite side of the river. The dog traveled too fast and Mr. Cromer decided to track him up. He followed the trail about half a mile, and lost it. He called and Nig came immediately, from over the river bank.

There Mr. Cromer found Jack, his foot fast in a trap by the edge of the river, which was rising rapidly. Near the dog were a few crumbs of bread. The trap was a single spring and Jack was caught by the foot and not

badly hurt. He was taken from the trap, and all started for home. In a short distance Jack got sick and crawled under a bush. Mr. Cromer knew he would be all right in a little while and was going to leave him to make his way home when he felt better. This did not suit Nig, who proceeded to camp by his sick fellow.

Mr. Cromer then took Jack in his arms and carried him home. Nig seemed well pleased and did not display any jealousy whatsoever then, although under usual circumstances he would have killed Jack rather than allow his master to fondle him.

In a few hours Jack was on his feet again, and Nig was just as jealous and mean to him as ever.

Mr. Cromer thinks that Nig would have stayed by Jack until both were dead had they not been found.

County Court met Wednesday with Commissioners Dr. U. H. Hannah, E. H. Williams and J. Lanty McNeel present. The court organized by the election of Dr. U. H. Hannah as president.

Married, at Elkins on Christmas day, December 25, 1923 E. W. Cochran and Miss Evelyn Bussard, Rev. Danver C. Pickens, officiating minister. The bride is a daughter of G. W. Lee Bussard, of Stony Bottom. She is a trained nurse, and well known in Marlinton. The groom is a resident of Marlinton, and a constable of Pocahontas county.

Mrs. S. B. Elkins, of Washington, has deeded her fine home and 60 acres of land to Davis & Elkins College. This property is valued at more than a half million of dollars. It is presumed that the present site of the college will be sold, and other buildings erected on the Elkins property.

Notice is called to the fact that the auction sale of the Farmers Supply Company at Arbovale has been deferred to Saturday, January 5th on account of certain unforeseen delays in making preparations for the sale.

The cold wave arrived Monday as forecast by weather department. It is general in Canada and United States sweeping eastward from the northward. Temperature got low as 60 below is reported from North Dakota.

A watch meeting service was held at the Methodist church Monday night.

The through freight service from Ronceverte to Elkins will begin as soon as permission can be had from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## NEW AUTOMOBILE FIRM

S. J. Rexrode has bought the Marlinton Electric Building and the Triangle Garage from the Marlinton Electric Company. He has also purchased the interest of Floyd Brill in the Marlinton Motor Company. He has given up his position in the Bank of Marlinton and will devote his whole time to the sale of Chevrolet automobiles. Clyde Bussard and C. A. Little will service the Chevrolet, and both are experts in their line.

January first Mr. Rexrode took over the buildings and the Chevrolet business. Last year the sales of these cars by the Marlinton Motor Company numbered over one hundred. With the new management, new organization and new stand, it looks as if this business can easily become one of the greatest of its kind in Pocahontas county.

The Marlinton Electric Company will soon locate in other quarters, and Mr. Brill plans to go into business for himself, handling other makes of cars.

## MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
Sunday School 9:45  
3:30 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor  
7:00 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavor  
11:00 a.m. Communion Service  
7:30 p.m. Jesus Christ the Way.

There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday School at the home of A. P. Edgar at 7:45 Friday evening, January 4th. It is planned to have a get together banquet for the Mens' Bible Class at the Church, Thursday evening, January 10th. It is hoped to have every member of the class present at that time and to have each one bring a new one.

There will be a meeting of the session between Sunday School and morning services next Sunday to receive any who would like to unite with the church either by letter or on profession of faith.

## MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

J. Herndon Billingsley, Pastor.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
A. S. Overholt, Supt.  
Epworth League 6:45 p. m.  
Preaching, 11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.  
Subject: Morning "A Life Promise," Evening, "Taking Stock."  
Prayer and praise meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
Everybody cordially welcomed.

A meeting of the special committee to submit plans and specifications to the Farm Bureau for the organizing a cooperative ware house association, was held in the county agent's office on last Saturday. Members of the committee present were D. M. Callison, G. C. Beard and W. L. Price. A Farm Bureau meeting will be held at Marlinton next Saturday afternoon to consider the committee's report. Their recommendations are that a joint stock company be formed; that stock to the amount \$15,000 be sold, that the par value of the stock be \$25; that sales be made to any one who will patronize the warehouse on an equal basis of profit, but that members of the Farm Bureau and stockholders be allowed a patronage dividend from the yearly profits of the association after a six percent dividend has been paid to the stockholders. The name of the association will be the Pocahontas Farmers Exchange.

Durbin, W. Va.—In the municipal election to be held in Durbin, on Thursday, there are two tickets contesting. The Citizen's ticket has W. W. Marshall, for mayor; R. R. Dodd, recorder, C. J. Belsh, C. C. Watts, Ralph Yeager, E. D. Dickson and L. C. Frazier, councilmen. The People's ticket is: Dr. A. C. Burner, mayor, C. J. Belsh, Mrs. John Flenner, O. P. Slaven and Kenza Rexrode, councilmen.

## SCHOOL TEACHING

To all County and District Superintendents:

I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that the primary object of the elementary school is to teach thoroughly the fundamental subjects of the elementary course of study. The State should never discredit its Common School Diploma by conferring it upon any one who has not attained thoroughness in these subjects.

I believe that, as our school work continues to improve and our teachers become more efficient, our examination for the Common School Diploma should become more searching and our grading of them more exact until a reasonable standard of thoroughness is reached. It is only by such evidences of efficiency in our school work that we can gain and hold the approval of our taxpayers.

It is well, also, to remember that large numbers of our common school graduates annually apply for admission to the high schools and that lack of thoroughness in the elementary subjects will result in a large percentage of failures. When this occurs pupils so falling are the first and loudest to condemn the mistaken kindness which permitted them to graduate before they were ready to do so.

In the preparation of questions for the diploma examinations this year, these facts will be kept in mind, and you may expect to find them somewhat more difficult than last year. With the preparation and distribution of the questions for these examinations, the direct control by this office ceases, and the further administration of the work devolves upon you. To secure the results desired by all of us, two points must then be kept constantly in mind. First, that the examinations be conducted fairly and honestly; second, that the papers submitted be graded carefully and with reasonable closeness and accuracy.

It has long been my custom to trust to the honor of those under my control for the faithfulness and honesty with which they perform the duties, yet ordinary precaution should be taken that much trust be not placed in persons who have not proved themselves, or who may be lacking in ability and understanding.

It is a common complaint in some sections of the State that a few of our teachers unfairly assist their pupils in various ways. It is even charged that in some places the papers are carelessly graded, and in some cases not graded at all. Persons guilty of such conduct should be removed from the teaching profession. There is no better way to teach good citizenship than by accustoming our school children to expect only fairness and justice in school. You will accomplish little by teaching the sin of lying and dishonesty if the pupils are at once permitted and assisted to cheat on examination.

Then both as a matter of enhancing, and protecting the value of our State Diploma, and in cultivating those qualities which go to make up good citizenship, absolute fairness and honesty must be observed both in the conduct of examinations and in the grading of the papers. The Rural School Department will later communicate with you along these lines.

It would be well to circulate this letter among your teachers.

Very truly yours,  
George M. Ford

The ladies of the Eastern Star served a banquet to the Marlinton Masonic Lodge at the Woodman-Odd Fellow dining room Tuesday night.

A Happy New Year. Write us 1924  
The new year brought in a fine spell of winter weather.

## SHEEP

Owing largely to the experience of lamb growers as given at various times in The Stockman and Farmer, the writer decided that the sheepmen of Pocahontas county, W. Va., were losing money by not having a shipping association. The matter was mentioned to our county agent and we learned that he already working on it. Your humble servant lost no time in placing his signature on the dotted line. Some others did like wise, but many did not. Nevertheless the less every sheepman in the county was benefited.

Any one who watches the markets closely, especially those whose living depends on the market prices, will easily see that the general price of lamb on the markets this year has usually been two and three cents per pound less than last year. In spite of this fact, the buyers here have paid from one to two and one-half cents per pound above last year's local prices. Thus we see that even those who were not on the boat floating in on the wave. At least they almost reached port, though their feet were wet as well as cold, for they did not receive as much as those who shipped through the association.

The first shipment I was personally interested in was 112 3/4 hundred. The second, later in the season netted \$19.1 per hundred, home weights, and the third shipment which was to the Jersey City market, December 11th, sold for \$14.25 per hundred gross, which was 25c more per hundred than any other sale made on that day. The expense of this shipment was 87c per lamb, not counting shrinkage. Shrinkage or drift is a variable factor and usually runs from seven to eleven pounds per lamb on long shipments.

So far as I have been able to learn, every man who shipped through the association has been well pleased with the results. However, we have learned that the quality of the lambs is a big factor relative to the price received. One double deck was shipped which showed this very clearly. One deck was made up of fat lambs with a yellow cast; the other one consisted of thinish lambs undocked and entirely lacking the yellow cast which shows the lambs to be in a thrifty condition. Onlookers estimated the price would be from one to four cents per pound more on the thin lambs. The returns showed three cents per pound less for the lambs in poor condition. This factor has caused a few men to hesitate about shipping through the association. With most of us, however, this very condition along with the prospect of getting full value was an incentive to raise better lambs than ever before.

In my own case, I was raising sheep on the farm where my father and grandfather had been raising them continuously since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. The flock had naturally become badly infected with stomach worms. The crash in prices in 1920 21 together with a diseased flock had carried me down stream, so to speak, with my nose under water more often than above it. Some of the neighbors advised selling the flock. However, I could see no prospect of meeting taxes and other expenses without sheep.

The bestest mustard preparation recommended by the state university was used several times during the season. The county agent was appealed to and valuable advice given. Some or all of the sheep were changed from one pasture to another at every opportunity. In fact, I worked over them morning, noon and night, prayed over them and some times all but swore over them. I had set my standard at 80 lbs. per lamb and best it just a little. Every lamb sold was clean and healthy. While I have not arrived, I can touch bottom with both feet and feel that I have a good fighting chance, which is all any man ought to ask.

Yes, there are some farmers fight-

## Good-bye 1923 Good-morning 1924

Thus time passes and we are prone to forget all but the outstanding incidents in a year. But 1923 was so good that we should not forget her so soon. This year was the best of our history, and our friends made it so. We have received in return that we will do our level best to make 1924 the best in the history of our customers. We most especially solicit the business of the laboring class and we will always try to help solve any problems that you have. We try to make our store a real service for the community in general. We thank you for your favors and wish you a prosperous and Happy New Year.

## The Peoples Store & Supply Co.

Marlinton, West Virginia

ing the shipping association. Years ago when I was a small boy, I remember seeing a picture of a man with a large pair of shears. He was cutting off his nose to spite his face. Some of his descendant are still with us.

F. W. Ruckman,  
National Stockman,  
Pocahontas county, W. Va.

H. S. Rucker received a greatly appreciated Christmas present in the shape of a large, well furred, nicely tanned mountain lion skin from Mrs. Quintilla Wisinger, of Paris, Montana. Uncle Andy Carter, an old colored man, also remembered Mr. Rucker with a well cured bacon ham.

County court met in regular session for the January term on Wednesday, Tuesday was the time for meeting, but it fell on a holiday and under the law the court had to meet the day following.

John Waugh returned last Saturday from Akron, Ohio, where he spent Christmas with his children, Mrs. Remus Cochran and E. D. Waugh. Up to the time he left there had been no winter at Akron. Business conditions in that city are reported good.

Attendance at the Methodist Sunday school 203; at the Presbyterian 138.

To the good people of Hillsboro:—We take this means of thanking you all as designated by class No. 12, Triangle Class of Wesley Chapel Sunday School for the Christmas box of toys and treats for our little ones. I am proud to be one of your citizens. May God add his blessings on you all.

Luther Stampler and family,  
Seebert, W. Va.

DIED  
Garland, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Eyles, of Seebert, aged 3 years, died December 31, 1923, from blood poisoning. On Christmas day he received a slight burn on the back of his hand. In some way it became infected. He had been real sick since the Saturday before his death. The little body was buried on new year's day at the McNeel graveyard.

Officers Cochran and Warwick raided a poker game near Cass one night last week. They arrested nine persons. John King was held under bond for the grand jury as proprietor of the place, and the others paid fines in Squire Sutton's court.

In last week's paper it was printed that Norman Sharp who was sent to the reform school, was a son of Divers Sharp. The young man is a nephew of Divers Sharp. Deputy Sheriff Elmer Moore took him to Pruntytown last week.

A wedding of much interest to Pocahontas and Greenbrier took place Wednesday at Park Grove, Lewisburg, when Mrs. Mary Catherine Hevener of Arbovale, and Robert R. Summerson, of Roanoke, Va., were united in marriage by Rev. D. Mc. Monroe, of Greenbank, a friend of the bride's family for many years. Only members of the immediate family were present. Mrs. Hevener is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Skaggs, of Lewisburg. Mr. Summerson, is the son of J. R. Summerson, of Bedford City, Va. He has been connected with the Virginia Railway for the past fifteen years.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harper Thomas, Marlinton, December 30, 1923, a son.

## "The Headless Horseman"

A picture founded on Washington Irvine's famous story—

## "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

will be shown in moving pictures at THE AMUSU THEATRE on next MONDAY night, January 7th. Will Rodgers plays the part of Ichabod Crane, the district school teacher.

ALSO, the second round of the "Fighting Blood" series.

Amusu, Monday Night

## ONE HOUR

## "BIBLE STUDY"

### A New Year's Resolution:

Resolved, that I will devote one hour to Bible Study in some Church every Sunday during the year 1924.

The Men's Bible Class of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church cordially and prayerfully invite you Come and join us in this important work.

ONLY ONE HOUR